GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Planning Department **–G-Hub initiative**–Plan for rapid economic growth with cities as fulcrum of growth drivers – **Constitution of Steering Committee and G- Hub Crack Unit** for chalking out an economic **growth strategy for Visakhapatnam**-Orders –Issued.

Planning (X) Department

G.O.Rt.No. 121 **Dated:26.09.2023.**

Read the Following:-

From the CEO, NITI Aayog, D.O.No.N.1./DevelCity/11/2023-MU, dated 22nd August 2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, the NITI Aayog has delineated the need for developing an economic growth strategy for ensuring rapid city-centric economic development under G-HUB initiative being taken up across identified City regions in the Country. The NITI Aayog has also outlined the importance of developing cities and preparing a roadmap to achieve rapid economic progress.

2. Further, in the reference read above, the NITI Aayog has emphasized that through a robust planning process, cities could be used as fulcrum to drive economic growth while managing the urbanization process, as these two processes are not to be assumed as autonomous. NITI Aayog stated that many major cities in the world have economic plans which then drive the rest of the planning process.

3. As part of its larger process to develop cities under the initiative, **Visakhapatnam** has been identified on pilot basis as one of the four city regions in the country that shares this distinction of developing a template for devising economic strategy.

4. The following activities shall be undertaken by the NITI Aayog towards this endeavor:-

a. NITI Aayog will anchor and support the project implementation in close collaboration with the State Government
b. Constitution of a National Advisory Committee by NITI Aayog of renowned experts to give overall guidance.
c. Identification of a Programme Partner who will work with NITI Aayog to extend professional support for grounding the initiative.

5. In order to make the initiative successful and as advised by the NITI Aayog, the Government hereby constitute a Steering Committee and a G-Crack Unit with the following compositions: -

Steering Committee

1. **Chief Secretary to Govt.**	**- Chairman**
2. Spl. Chief Secretary, MA&UD	- Member
3. Secretary, Industries	- Member
4. Secretary, Finance	- Member
5. Secretary, TR&B	- Member
6. Secretary, ITE&C	- Member
7. Secretary, Skill Development	- Member
8. MD, APIIC	- Member
9. Commissioner & Director Municipal Admin	- Member
10.Commissioner Industries	- Member
11.Director, Town & Country Planning	- Member
12.Commissioner, Tourism	- Member
13.District Collector, Visakhapatnam	- Member
14.VC, VMRDA	- Member
15.Any other Secretary or Commissioner or agency as necessary	- Member
16.Secretary, Planning	– Convener

G-Hub Crack Unit

1. Secretary, Planning	- Lead
2. MD, APIIC	- Member
3. Commissioner, Industries	- Member
4. CDMA	- Member
5. District Collector, Visakhapatnam	- Member
6. VC, VMDRA	- Member
7. MD, Skill Development Corporation	- Member
8. Director, Town & Country Planning	- Member
9. ED, Tourism(Projects)	- Member
10.Director, IT Promotion	- Member
11.Representative from Visakhapatnam Port Trust	- Member
12.CEO, APSDPS	- Member
13.E-in-C, R&B	- Member
14.Representative from CSPG	- Member
15.Any other officials as required	- Spl. invitees
16.Municipal Commissioner, Visakhapatnam	– Convener

6. The G-Hub Crack unit, guided by the Steering Committee, shall prepare strategies/ action plans, hold meetings with different stakeholders, address operational matters and update the proceedings to the Sectoral Committee from time to time.

7. The Planning department shall act as the Nodal department for the State of Andhra Pradesh with **Secretary, Planning** Department as the **State Nodal Officer** to coordinate with the team of NITI Aayog prepare a

comprehensive growth strategy for Visakhapatnam in close coordination with all the departments concerned. Further, as advised by the NITI Aayog, 3-4 full time personnel shall be identified to work on the initiative and to be placed in a designated office which could serve as the office for the proposed initiative.

8. The Committees shall meet at regular intervals and evolve a holistic growth strategy for the State of Andhra Pradesh duly consulting various development stakeholders including academicians and come out with a comprehensive document outlining the developing strategy for Visakhapatnam.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
All the Secretaries/Officers concerned

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SECTION OFFICER